

**CITY OF GAHANNA
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES – May 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Vinnie Tremante called the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Board to order on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 7:05pm at Gahanna City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Cynthia Franzmann
Eric Miller
Laurel Naegele
Vincent Tremante

Absent:

Windy McKenna
Diane Cantrell
Luke Messinger

In attendance from the City was Troy Euton, Deputy Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McKenna made a **MOTION** to approve the April 1, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Naegele. **On roll call vote:** McKenna, Yes, Miller, Yes, Naegele, Yes, Tremante, Yes, and Franzmann, Yes. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

HEARING OF VISITORS

Troy Euton introduced Laura Hester and Kate Mattison, new Recreation Specialist for Parks & Recreation. Laura will focus on day camps and family programming and Kate will focus on special events and Creekside events.

OLD BUSINESS:

Service to the Community Awards

Nominations

The Board reviewed and discussed the nominations. The Board made the following recommendations for the 2009 Service to the Community Awards:

Business – Key Bank
Civic Organization – The Bridge of Gahanna – Steve Heilkema
Recreation Friend – Ronie Redmond
Senior Friend – Clarence & Shyla Lanthorn
Senior Group – Gahanna Senior Center Volunteer Receptionist
Parks Friend – Dennis Oswald
Lifetime Achievement – Gahanna Swim Club Board
Good Neighbor – Don Davis

The Board created a new award for 2009 after receiving a submission for a good neighbor.

Awards

The Board reviewed several award options.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Euton distributed the Director's report to the board and touched on some of the highlights from the past month. Hannah Park will be opening June 1st, the Rice Ave. project will begin soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Aquatics Advisory Committee**

Euton stated the first AAC meeting was May 5th.

BAC

Naegele stated the BAC is working through the SRTS Grant. Stantec gave their report on the SRTS. Staff is presenting the report to the four schools to create an action plan. The Stantec engineering report is being presented to City Council on May 18th. The committee continues working on the master plan to send to ODOT.

DPAC

Tremante stated there was some discussion at the meeting that if the Parks & Recreation Department would manage dog programs a committee would not be necessary.

Parks & Recreation Foundation

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th.

NRAC

Tremante stated the committee hiked Woodmark Woods. The next walk is at Gahanna Woods on May 9th.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

McKenna stated the next School Board meeting is May 14th. Kindergarten roundup is coming up soon and the Board continues working on the new learning center.

Franzmann stated the Memorial Day Dedication is on May 25th at 1pm. The theme is "Honor Flight", the Honor Flight members and sponsors will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Parks & Recreation Board at this time the meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Crossmock, Administrative Assistant

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2009

Vinnie Tremante, Chair